COMPLAINTS FROM WILTSHIRE

In Wiltshire it is declared that the soldiers despatched to the defence of the Isle of Wight last November were not sent back orderly so that their arms might be restored to tiie inhabitants that did set them forth , but very many of the soldiers being loosely dispersed ran away, and a great quantity of their arms and furniture (even to the number of 200) is either utterly lost or so broken and mangled as to be unserviceable Moreover great abuses have been committed m the discharge of divers soldiers for sums of money The Lord Ciuef Justice shall examine this matter very diligently especially because, when like abuses have been committed before, the matter hath been so shifted from the county to those that had the go\ eminent of the soldiers and from these again to the county, that it could hardh be found where the fault lay

TROUBLES IN OXFORD

The new Dean of Chiistchurch is much mishked of the students there who complain that like a new lord he maketh new laws, endeavouring an innovation that will enrich himself and undo the society The cause of their complaint is that he seeketh to take away the allowance of commons enjoyed since the foundation of the college and to exchange for it an allowance of 2s a week

ijth February TROUBLES OF THE KEEPER AT WISBEACH

The Keeper of the Jesuits at Wisbeach ver^ earnestly craveth favour of Mr Secretary because that two of his prisoners, both priests, are escaped from the castle by beating out the iron bars of their windows and letting themselves down by the bed cord He would therefore have favour for three reasons , firstly, the

prisoners escaped during his absence in London on a *subpoena,* wherefore his servants are to blame , secondly, because it was done m the night, when quiet rest is due to every man , thirdly, tor that he is about to be married to a lady of sufficient ability, and if she should hear that he is in trouble, it might procure in her such an aversion that all his friends would hardly settle her again in any good affection